

**GLENDALE CSA
2013 MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND AGREEMENT**

The Glendale CSA supports a sustainable, certified-organic farm. The CSA facilitates distribution of vegetables, fruit, eggs, and flowers from Garden of Eve Farm of Riverhead, NY to CSA members. The Farm sets the CSA share prices and the share amounts and contents. The CSA coordinates member signup, and oversees the distribution of goods we are given by the Farm to our members. The CSA is an independent organization, separate from the Farm.

1. PRE-PAYMENT

I agree to pay for my share(s) in full at the time of signup unless other arrangements are made. A separate administrative fee will also be collected. Preferred payment method is via the Farm's online system (Farmigo) using eCheck or credit card. Those who choose not to sign up online may pay by check after making arrangements with the Glendale CSA. All balances must be paid in full by June 1st, 2012. The CSA reserves the right to refuse membership to any member not in good standing. Members not in good standing may not pick up food at distribution and will forfeit any deposits made.

2. MANDATORY WORK SHIFT

I commit to working my scheduled distribution shift. The Glendale CSA requires that members work 1 full distribution shift (helping distribute shares to other members at the pickup location), selected at signup.

The work shift is mandatory as we are member-run and your involvement is what keeps the CSA functioning. Likewise, your participation in your scheduled distribution shift is essential to keep your membership in good standing. If you cannot make your shift, you **MUST** arrange for someone else to work for you and notify the Glendale CSA core group.

In the event a member misses their shift, he or she forfeits one pickup week and will need to make up the work shift.

Only one member is required to work per household share. Members are welcome, but not required, to work additional shifts and/or participate in planning and/or running CSA activities.

3. SHARE PICK-UPS (DISTRIBUTION)

I am responsible for picking up my own shares at my distribution time (or having a designee do so), otherwise I forfeit that week's share.

Members assume the responsibility to pick up their shares at the weekly pick-up point, on their designated day, during the designated timeframe, or forfeit that week's share. If necessary, members may make their own arrangements to have someone else pick up for them, or with another Glendale CSA member to trade weeks. (The person picking up for you should notify the leader at the distribution site.)

When arriving at distribution, members first need to check in before picking up a share or shares. Shares are listed under the primary member's name.

Members need to pick up their shares with their own bags. We suggest two large tote bags and smaller bags and containers to put individual items in.

I agree to take only the produce/goods that are part of my share, and only in the amounts designated.

Distribution is organized by item, marked with a sign that will tell the member the amount that they should take. Members are free to peruse the produce within the crate, selecting the individual vegetable that they prefer. However, members are to take **ONLY** the amounts listed on the share sign (whether by weight or volume). The CSA receives a fixed amount from the Farm, based on the number of members. It's important that no one takes more than their share or changes the amounts of items taken based on personal preference, so that other members will not be deprived of some of their veggies.

4. SHARE CONTENTS

I understand that the shares vary in content and quantity of items from week to week.

Members receive produce that is in season. Although there is a large variety each week, the produce will change from week to week. The CSA may send an update prior to distribution as to what the share contents are likely to be; however contents are always subject to change.

I understand that the Garden of Eve Farm may modify share quantities in the event of bad weather or other detrimental natural conditions affecting harvest.

The production and delivery of farm produce relies heavily upon weather and natural conditions. During exceptionally good conditions, CSA members benefit from bountiful produce. Conversely, in the case of a season of bad weather, a natural disaster, crop failure, wild animals picking off the chickens, or other natural forces beyond control, the Farm is not liable to distribute produce or other goods it does not have. The Farm works to mitigate these situations to the fullest extent possible, however this means that there may be times when share quantities are less bountiful. Members understand and accept the benefits and risks inherent to agriculture and neither the Garden of Eve Farm nor the Glendale CSA shall be held liable in the event of reduced shares. Working together to support the farm through difficult times means that the Farm will be able to recover and continue to sustain a source of quality produce for the CSA community in the long term.

5. MEMBERSHIP

I understand the Glendale CSA is a member-run organization.

The Glendale CSA is maintained by the CSA membership. The Farm relies on the CSA community to take over some administrative tasks. CSA members rely on the Farm to provide them with healthy, local, organic produce. Members of the Glendale CSA will fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in this agreement. Participation is the key to sustaining the Glendale CSA.